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In re Patent Application of:
Anders Per Sorensen et al.

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For: BINDING MEMBER TOWARDS
PNEUMOCOCCUS SURFACE ADHESIN A
PROTEIN (PsaA)

Examiner: Kerima K. Maasho

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response is being submitted in reply to an Office Action mailed May 11, 2007, the deadline for response thereto being June 11, 2007.

In the Office Action mailed May 11, 2007, the Examiner imposed a two-part restriction requirement. In a first part of the restriction requirement, the Applicant is required to elect between the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

Group I, namely claims 1-30, drawn to a binding member;

Group II, namely claims 31-35, drawn to a nucleic acid; and

Group III, namely claims 36-41, drawn to a method of detection.

In response to the foregoing, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-30, for further prosecution. This election is made without traverse, and the Applicant

reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

In a second part of the Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a genus/species restriction requirement requiring Applicant to elect one of amino acid sequences 2, 4, 6, 8, or a homologue thereof, and to elect one of the first and second binding domains.

In response to the foregoing, Applicant hereby elects the species of Sequence ID No. 6, and the first binding domain. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1-11, 17, 20, 21 and 23-30 are generic to all of the listed sequence identifications. Claims 12-15, 18, 19 and 22 all specifically recite the elected Sequence ID No. 6; although, Applicant notes that various of these claims are also generic to other of the nonelected sequence IDs. Claims 24-30 all read on the elected first binding domain; although, these claims also encompass the nonelected second binding domain.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing complies with the restriction requirement. Any questions, comments or suggestions the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

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